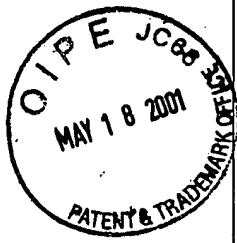


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of U.S. Patents 5,869,631 and 5,034,511 are enclosed. Copies of the remaining listed documents were previously submitted or cited by the Examiner in prior U.S. Applications Serial No. 08/423,477, filed April 19, 1995, Serial No. 07/656,796, filed February 19, 1991 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,869,631) or Serial No. 07/038,332, filed April 13, 1987 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,034,511). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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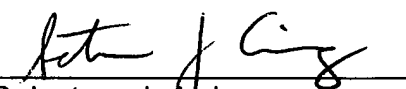
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